

## RECREATION COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

From: Peter Coleman, Recreation Supervisor, Town of Lexington  
Excerpt from Email "Answers to Recreation Committee Proposal"  
Date: December 2, 2010

"Below are the answers for the BLUPC that were raised about the Recreation Committee's concept plan proposal for the Busa land.

"Before addressing the questions, I would like to reiterate something that was stated during the Recreation Committee's presentation on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Our concept plan was completed in-house by Recreation Department staff with the assistance of the Town's GIS Database Administrator. If our proposal is recommended to move forward by the BLUPC and approved by the Board of Selectmen, then a landscape architect who specializes in parks and athletic fields would be hired to complete a master plan of the entire Busa site. The intent of our concept plan was to illustrate to the BLUPC a possible and suitable development of the Busa land which included multiple recreational features that the community could benefit from.

1). After reexamining the concept plan map, there are a few issues that the Recreation Committee would like to address. First, as stated during our presentation, the Recreation Committee is sensitive to the concerns of the abutters to the Busa land and first and foremost, our goal is for the neighborhood park to have as minimal of an impact on the neighbors as possible. It is our belief that there should be a buffer zone of approximately 40 feet between the multi-purpose athletic field and the property lines of the abutters. On the concept map that the BLUPC received, there was not a distance of 40 feet between the multi-purpose field and the abutter on the right side of the field. If our plan was approved and a multi-purpose field was included at this site, the landscape architect would determine the exact distance needed for the buffer zone and ensure that there are appropriate buffers around all sides of the field.

"There are a few options to consider in order for this to become a reality. The clear preference of the Recreation Committee is for a full-size multi-purpose field to be built on this land. If the BLUPC's recommendation to the Board of Selectmen includes a multi-purpose field and if the Town decides to purchase the abutting Goldinger property, then the multi-

purpose field could shift to the west and there would be an ample buffer zone around the entire field. If this is not a possibility, then an alternative to consider would be reducing the size of the field. The full-size multi-purpose field in our proposal measures 195 feet in width by 330 feet in length. If there is not sufficient room for a full-size field, then an intermediate-size field could be built and its dimensions would be 150 feet in width by 240 feet in length. The one drawback to this is that an intermediate-size field could only be used as a game field for 8v8 soccer since the dimensions of this field are less than what is required for lacrosse, football, field hockey, and ultimate frisbee.

2). Our proposal calls for forty-seven (47) parking spaces on the site. The spaces would be located near the multi-purpose field and next to the playground. Included in the 47 spaces are three ADA-accessible parking spaces (two next to the multi-purpose field and one next to the playground). As stated in our proposal, if the BLUPC determines that the remaining land will consist of other uses (affordable housing, community gardens, and/or a community farm), then additional parking spaces might be necessary. This is something that would be determined in the master plan completed by the landscape architect hired by the Town.

3). There will be room around the perimeter of the field for spectators to watch games on the multi-purpose field. The players and coaches will be positioned on one side of the field and spectators will be able to watch games from the other side of the field, much like the set-up is for the multi-purpose fields at Lincoln Park."

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From: Peter Coleman, Recreation Supervisor, Town of Lexington

Excerpt from Email "Dimensions of Worthen Road Field"

Date: December 8, 2010

"At last night's meeting, Bill Dailey asked me about the field space along Worthen Road near the Center #1 baseball field and the Lexington High School football field and whether this area could be converted into a full-size multi-purpose field. Since I did not know the exact size of this field, I walked the field today to see if this could be possible.

"According to my measurements, the dimensions of this area are 297 feet in length by 195 feet in width. The length measurement of 297 feet is the distance from the edge of the woods to the walkway that runs behind the baseball field. A regulation full-size multi-purpose field must be at least 330 feet long. The 330-foot length requirement does not include space for safety zones behind each of the goals, so that would need to be added to the total. Therefore, given that the length of this area is only 297 feet, it will not be possible to have a full-size multi-purpose field on this site."